



**Preparatory Committee for the United Nations
Conference on Housing and Sustainable Urban
Development (Habitat III)****Second session**

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**Note verbale dated 15 April 2015 from the Permanent Mission of
Israel to the United Nations Human Settlements Programme
(UN-Habitat) and the United Nations Environment Programme in
Nairobi addressed to the secretariat of the United Nations Human
Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat)**

The Permanent Mission of Israel to the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat) and the United Nations Environment Programme in Nairobi presents its compliments to UN-Habitat and has the honour to refer to the seating arrangements of the Palestinian delegation in the second session of the Preparatory Committee for the United Nations Conference on Housing and Sustainable Urban Development (Habitat III), held in Nairobi from Tuesday, 14 April, to Thursday, 16 April 2015.

Israel would like to reiterate the position expressed by the Permanent Representative of Israel to the United Nations on 29 November 2012, in the context of the adoption of General Assembly resolution 67/19, as well as in the Security Council on 23 January 2013, that Israel regrets and objects to the use of the misleading terminology “State of Palestine” and to the Palestinian participation in this meeting under that title. It is counterproductive to use this term when no such State exists and when such a State can only be established, as has been affirmed repeatedly by the international community and agreed between the parties, through direct negotiations. In this regard, Israel asks that the present statement be noted in the official record of the second session of the Preparatory Committee.

